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Ms. Catherine Glidden Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20043-0001

RE: PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE NEW ULM

YARD PROJECT, MINNESOTA REHABILITATION SEGMENT

Dear Ms. Glidden:

For your review please find enclosed 1 copy of the draft cultural resources and geomorphological inventory for the New Ulm Yard Rail Yard as part of the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in Minnesota. The report was prepared by Two Pines Resource Group with input from Strata Morph Geoexploration under contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR).

As we discussed previously, the report has been converted into a PDF file to facilitate the STB review. The file has been uploaded to HDR's FTP Public Site (ftp://ftp.hdrinc.com). You will be prompted to enter a username (UAD\MMADSONHDR) and password (u^vFM9ZD) before downloading the report file.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in your review of the report. Please provide comments on the report at your earliest convenience to Michael Madson (mmadson@hdrinc.com), preferably by February 8, using the comment log provided on the FTP Public Site. We look forward to the STB's comments.

Sincerely.

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